Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)

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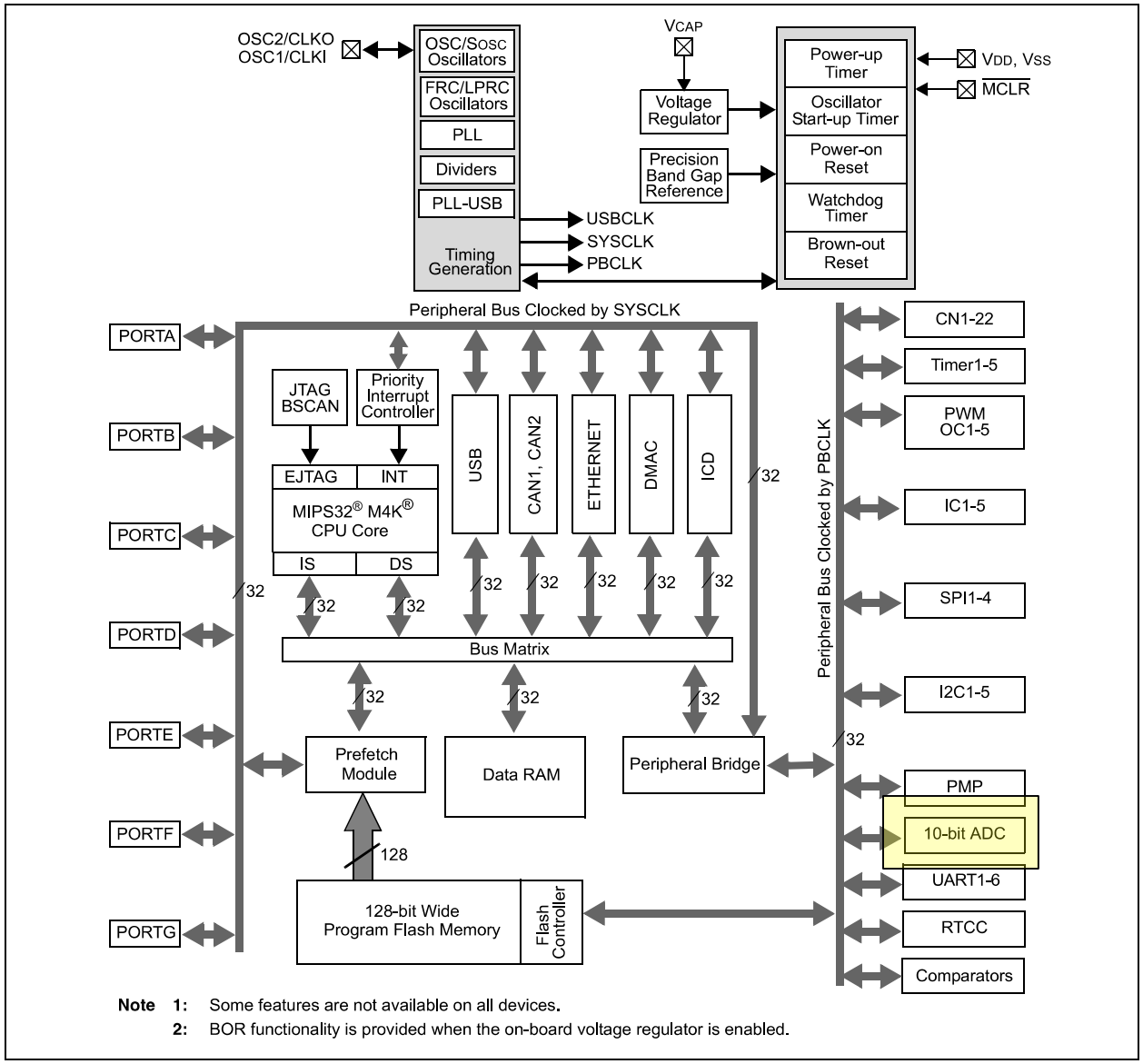
PIC Architecture

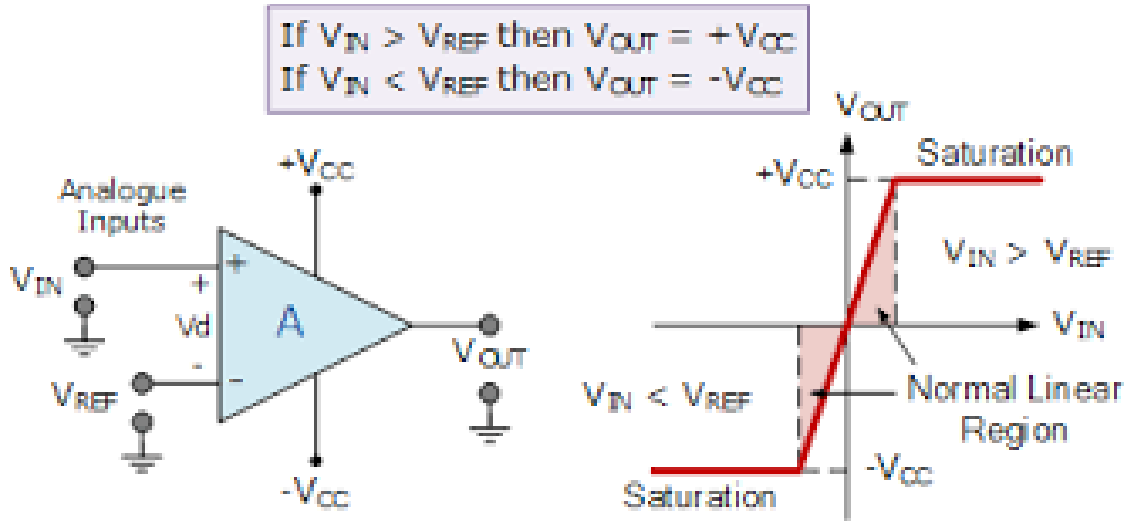
FIGURE 1-1: BLOCK DIAGRAM(1,2)



Note 1: Some features are not available on all devices.
2: BOR functionality is provided when the on-board voltage regulator is enabled.

Comparator Circuit

An operational amplifier is used to compare an unknown input signal to a known reference signal



Flash ADC

3bit Flash ADC

By using a voltage divider network and a number of individual comparators, we can build an ADC which can quickly generate a digital equivalent value

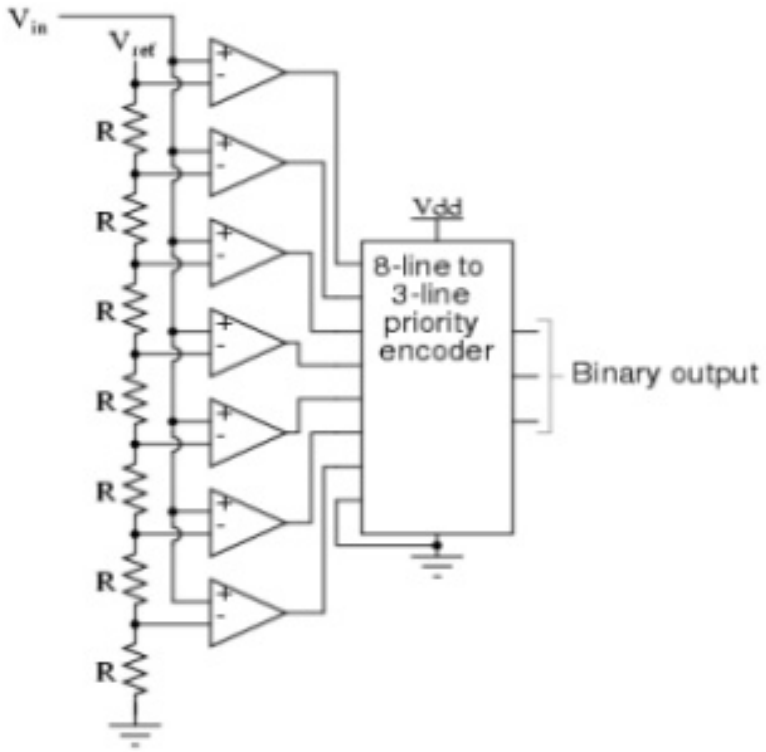
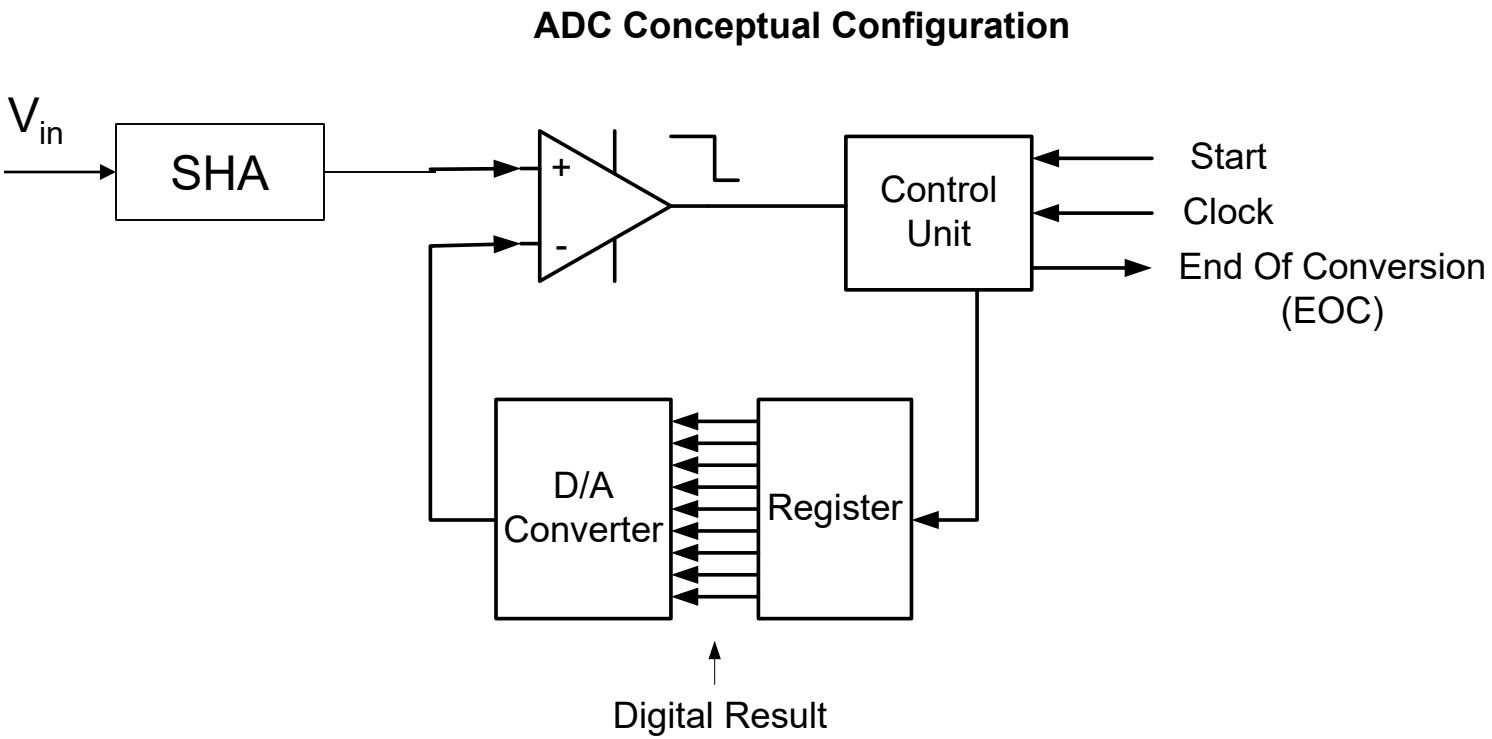


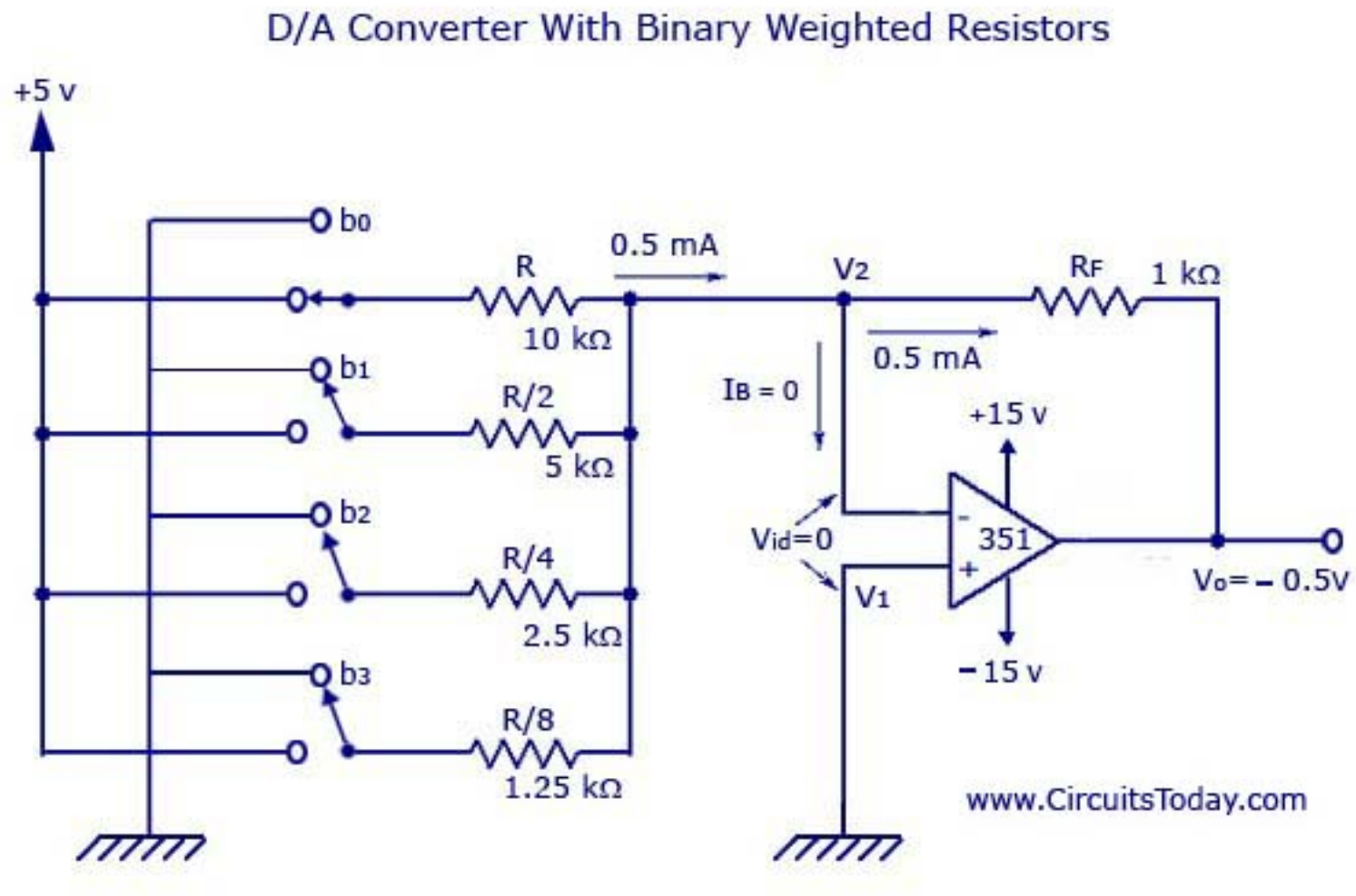
Fig 1.2 Block Diagram of Flash ADC [17]

Iterative Weighing Process

Successive Approximation ADC



Digital to Analog Converter Circuit



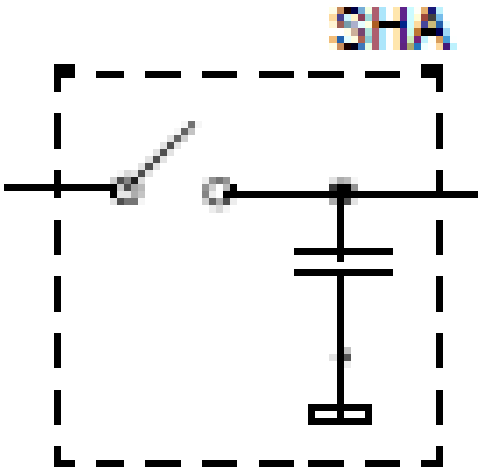
Successive Approximation A/D Conversion

A successive approximation uses a sequential process to generate a digital value that represents and estimate of the unknown input signal:

1. A start signal initiates the operation.
2. At a rate determined by the clock, the control unit modifies the binary value stored in the register. There are two approaches, count-up or bit-wise.
3. The binary value in the register is used to generate an analog voltage, which is compared to the input signal.
4. The control unit generates and End Of Conversion signal when the conversion is complete.

Other Considerations

Most signals that we wish to process vary with time. To ensure that the input signal value is constant while the successive approximation is being done, we must sample the signal and hold the input value constant. To do this, we use a **Sample and Hold Amplifier (SHA)**.

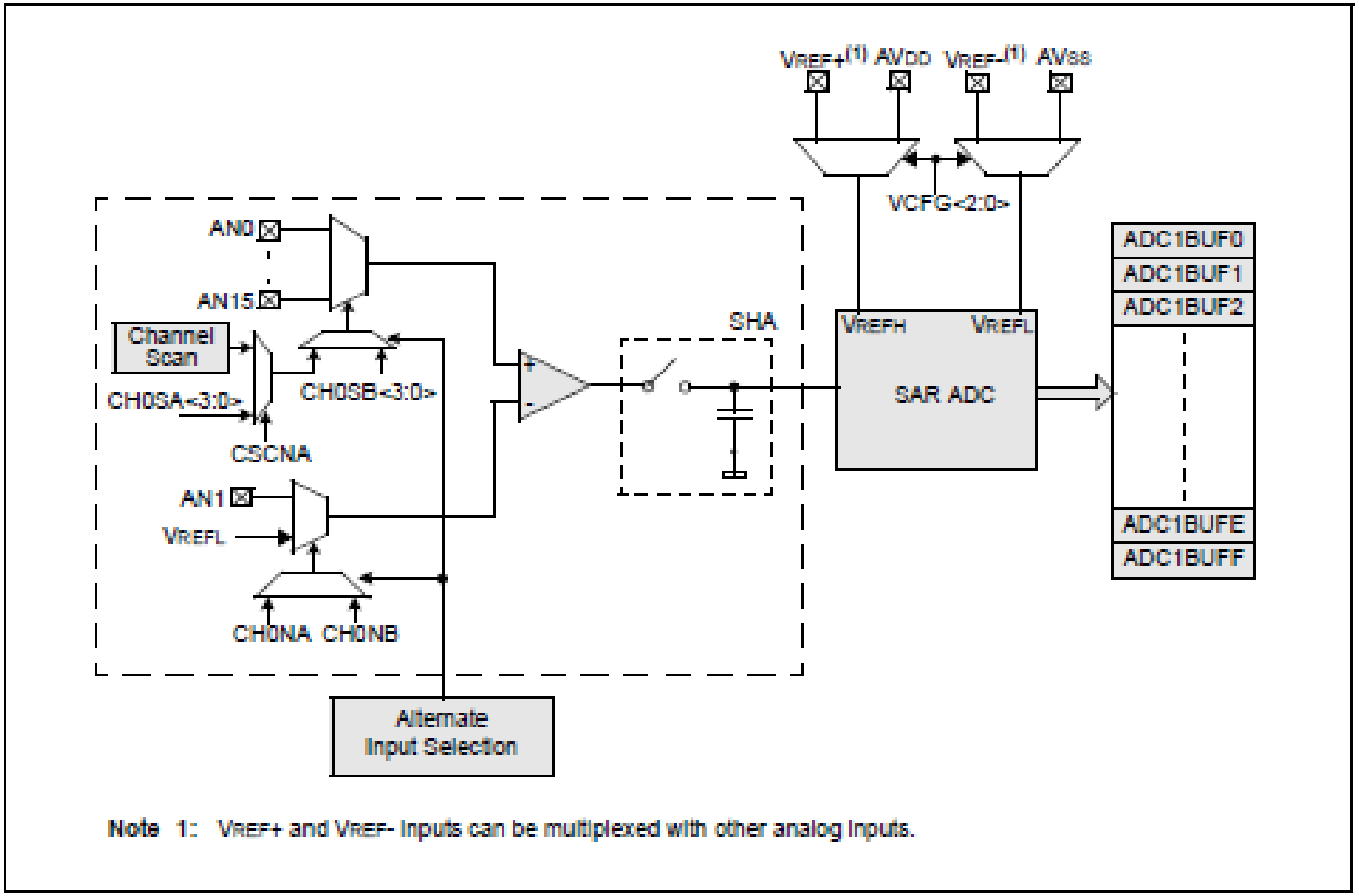


ADC Timing

- Generating a digital value from an analog input is a two-step process:
  - Acquisition – during this time, the input pin is connected to the sample and hold amplifier
  - Conversion – This is the time that the ADC requires to convert the analog signal to a digital value.

Reference Manual ADC Diagram

Figure 17-1: 10-bit High-Speed ADC Block Diagram



Note 1: VREF+ and VREF- inputs can be multiplexed with other analog inputs.

Simplified ADC Configuration

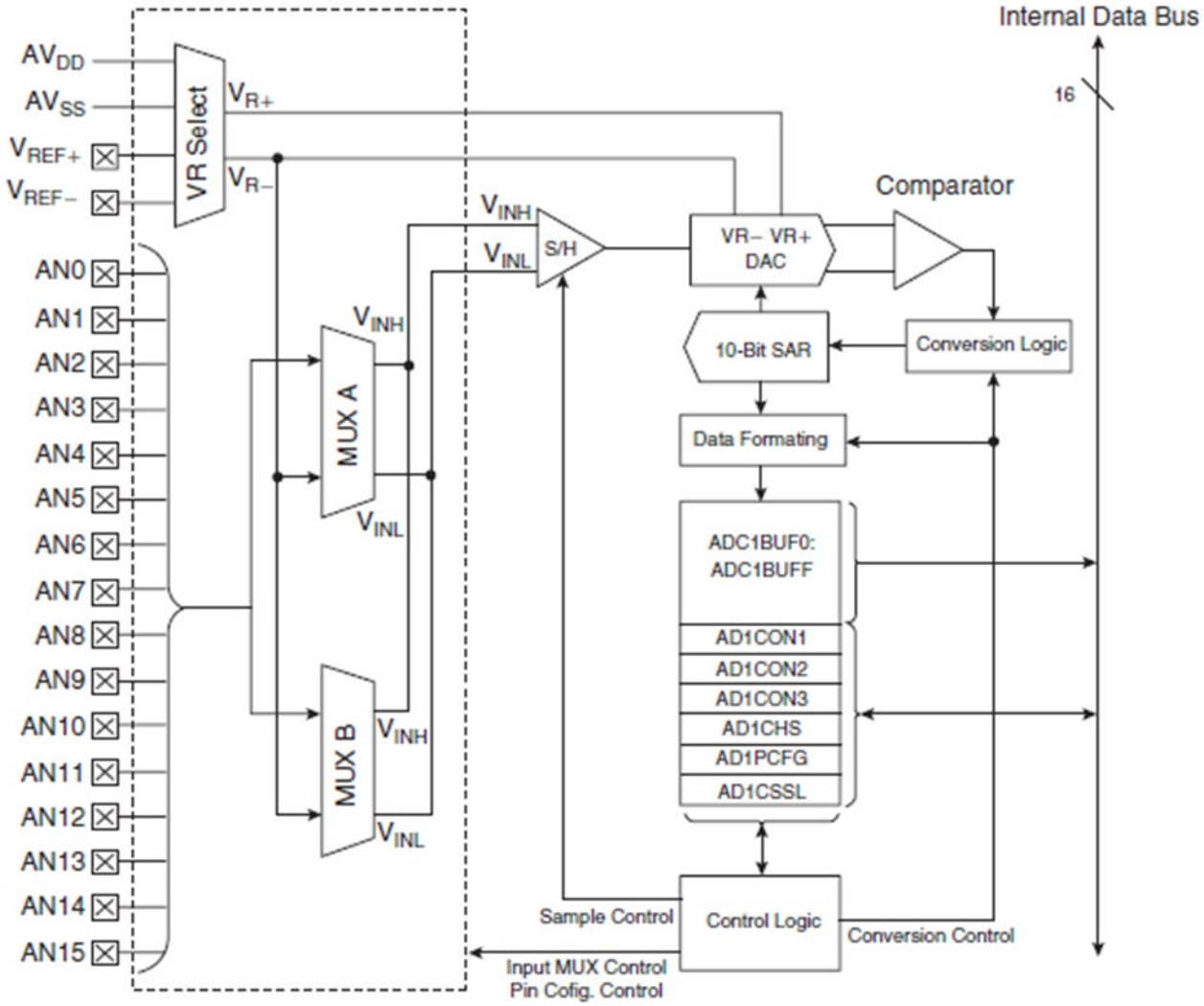


Figure 11.1: Ten-bit high-speed ADC block diagram.

ADC SFRs

TABLE 4-13: ADC REGISTERS MAP

Virtual Address (BF80_#)	Register Name	Bit Range	Bits																All Resets
			31/15	30/14	29/13	28/12	27/11	26/10	25/9	24/8	23/7	22/6	21/5	20/4	19/3	18/2	17/1	16/0	
9000	AD1CON1(1)	31:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0000
		15:0	ON	—	SIDL	—	—	FORM<2:0>			SSRC<2:0>			CLRASAM	—	ASAM	SAMP	DONE	0000
9010	AD1CON2(1)	31:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0000
		15:0	VCFG2	VCFG1	VCFG0	OFFCAL	—	CSCNA	—	—	BUFS	—	SMPI<3:0>				BUFM	ALTS	0000
9020	AD1CON3(1)	31:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0000
		15:0	ADRC	—	—	SAMC<4:0>					ADCS<7:0>								0000
9040	AD1CHS(1)	31:16	CH0NB	—	—	—	CH0SB<3:0>				CH0NA	—	—	—	CH0SA<3:0>				0000
		15:0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0000
9060	AD1PCFG(1)	31:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0000
		15:0	PCFG15	PCFG14	PCFG13	PCFG12	PCFG11	PCFG10	PCFG9	PCFG8	PCFG7	PCFG6	PCFG5	PCFG4	PCFG3	PCFG2	PCFG1	PCFG0	0000
9050	AD1CSSL(1)	31:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0000
		15:0	CSSL15	CSSL14	CSSL13	CSSL12	CSSL11	CSSL10	CSSL9	CSSL8	CSSL7	CSSL6	CSSL5	CSSL4	CSSL3	CSSL2	CSSL1	CSSL0	0000
9070	ADC1BUF0	31:16	ADC Result Word 0 (ADC1BUF0<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
9080	ADC1BUF1	31:16	ADC Result Word 1 (ADC1BUF1<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
9090	ADC1BUF2	31:16	ADC Result Word 2 (ADC1BUF2<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
90A0	ADC1BUF3	31:16	ADC Result Word 3 (ADC1BUF3<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
90B0	ADC1BUF4	31:16	ADC Result Word 4 (ADC1BUF4<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
90C0	ADC1BUF5	31:16	ADC Result Word 5 (ADC1BUF5<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
90D0	ADC1BUF6	31:16	ADC Result Word 6 (ADC1BUF6<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
90E0	ADC1BUF7	31:16	ADC Result Word 7 (ADC1BUF7<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
90F0	ADC1BUF8	31:16	ADC Result Word 8 (ADC1BUF8<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000
9100	ADC1BUF9	31:16	ADC Result Word 9 (ADC1BUF9<31:0>)																0000
		15:0																	0000

Legend: x = unknown value on Reset, — = unimplemented, read as '0'. Reset values are shown in hexadecimal.

Note 1: This register has corresponding CLR, SET and INV registers at its virtual address, plus an offset of 0x4, 0x8 and 0xC, respectively. See Section 12.1.1 "CLR, SET and INV Registers" for more information.